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A. E. MANICE DIES SUDDENLY

Big Orchard Man Called at the Climax of His Successes

(Bion H. Butler)

Death last Sunday at the Manice orchard west of Pinehurst enacted one of the most marked tragedies that has come under my notice since coming to the Sandhills. The climax was the death of A. E. Manice, the owner of one of the most modern orchard plants in the world, and one of the two or three biggest orchards this side of the Mississippi river. Mr. Manice had been in the pink of health, but on Sunday he complained on not feeling well, and a doctor was called who looked him over and thought nothing serious was indicated and that the indisposition would pass away. But after the doctor left Mr. Manice grew worse, and in a brief time he was dead. His death is so tragic because it removes from this section a man who has had a long association with the Sandhill country, and who has been a developer of the most advanced type.

He was not very well known to many people as he was a reserved man, keeping rather close to his own affairs. Twenty-five years ago he came to the Sandhills the first time, and since then he was an enthusiast over this part of the country. About five years ago through George Ross he bought several thousand acres of land between Jackson Springs and Pinehurst, principally because he wanted a place to hunt, where he might be able to protect the game and ensure the future. As the land was not necessary in a complete wild state he planned an orchard and farm of six or seven hundred acres, and proceeded to set over 300 acres of peaches. He made of his orchard a model, and this year counted on loading over a hundred cars of fruit, and in addition he had established a canning plant where he was preparing to can from his own orchard about 60,000 cans of peaches. In these things he was a pioneer. He was a keen business man, being a broker on the New York stock exchange, and he applied business methods to his North Carolina farm and orchard, and was making a decided success on a big scale. The importance of his work was of such magnitude that last week The Pilot printed a considerable story of his canning project, and that Charlotte Observer of Sunday had a lengthy story about his orchard and his farm system, which is in advance of most anything else in the Peach belt. By the time the Charlotte Observer arrived in the Sandhills with the story of what he had done in this neighborhood the man who had done the work was dead.

The tragedy of the whole thing is that just as he had brought to a positive success the big plans he had outlined for the Sandhills, and when

PEACHES MOVING FORWARD RAPIDLY

Peak of the Movement About Reached, But Heavy Yet

The peak of the peach shipments has been about reached by today, and from now on a decline will run into next week, when all but a few later varieties will be harvested. From a hundred and twenty-five cars up to about a hundred and forty has been the daily movement this week. The quality has been good, and the prices satisfactory until yesterday when the reports from the marketing cities indicated a decline. Whether it will be of consequence could not be foretold when this information was received but it is believed a strengthening will follow the rest of the crop.

There is some prediction that the crop will not be as big as was anticipated. (Continued on page 8)

he could see the first real crop of peaches starting to market in the height of condition, in the peak of the first big harvest, his summons came. He planned his work. He dreamed his dreams of accomplishment. He established his industry. But he was permitted only the one glimpse of the success of his big achievement.

It all seems to me so tragical because he was a big man, broad in his ideals, sound in his business methods, genial in his ways, considerate of his employes, and wholly in touch with the proposition of making his community an attractive and helpful place to live and do business. In his death the Sandhills has lost one of its big men, for while he was unobtrusive and had not as wide acquaintance as many men he was a worker on a big scale, and his work was planned with intelligence and backed with ample capital. And he was an informed and companionable man, interested in human progress and in the community welfare. No man in the community has done more with less noise about it. He was a wheel horse in the development of Moore county industrially and economically.

W. J. BRYAN DEAD

William J. Bryan, three times the unsuccessful candidate of the democratic party for president of the United States, and Secretary of State in Wilson's administration, died suddenly at Dayton, Tennessee Sunday. He will be buried at Arlington cemetery in Washington, having been a colonel of volunteers in the war with Spain.

KIWANIS CLUB TO SEND OUT PEACHES

A Crate to go to Visiting Editors of Two weeks Ago

At the Wednesday meeting of the Kiwanis club in the park at Southern Pines arrangements were made



John Wilcox and Little Son in his Fine Field of Alfalfa

to send to each of the college editors who visited the club two weeks ago a crate of Sandhill peaches. These were contributed by the orchards, and forwarded by the club. Shields Cameron sponsored the operation and got it through in his usually effective way. The dinner was provided by Jack, and was all right until some Philistine raised the question as to whether the peaches served were Sandhills or California and Jack insisted that they had come from the Cherokee orchard, and said it with such a note in his voice that the complainants tamed down and said nothing more above a whisper. But insurrection was further invited when it was reported that a number of feeds have been spread in the neighborhood community with California peaches on the bill of fare, and a sentiment prevailed that any man caught with the goods on him should have hard knots tied in his ears and his hair curled with a base ball bat.

Talbot Johnson, president, called on Judge Way to repeat before some of the members present what he had (Continued on page 8)



JOHN WILCOX

of the Horse Shoe section and one of Moore county's best and largest farmers. Mr. Wilcox is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and made quite a record for that college as a base ball pitcher, while making the varsity team. He is a son of the late Capt. George Wilcox, who represented Moore county in the legislature, and has a brother in Florence, South Carolina, who is one of the leading lawyers of that state.

TOMATO CROP BRINGING MONEY

The tomato crop has been affected by the dry weather, and it will not give the total yield anticipated. But the growers are much encouraged. The prices have been highly satisfactory, and will encourage more planting next year. A fall crop will follow later in the season from which it is hoped to profit as the expectation is that rains will come some day and help the crop out. Shipments to Florida are bringing good returns. Some mistakes were made this year in planting and handling the crop, but they will be avoided next year, and altogether the growers have hopes of making tomatoes a factor in Moore county crops.

Pure bred stock is much better than wild cat stock, says John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist.

WILCOX AND HIS ALFALFA FIELD

County Commissioner Shows How to Make a Valuable Crop

John Wilcox, county commissioner and Deep river farmer, has on his farm up in the Horse Shoe country, a crop of alfalfa that is worth going up there to see. In many ways his farm is worth a visit, for he has a historical old place that has been famous from the beginning of settlement in the county, but he is adding some features that his predecessors were not used to. In one big field he has sowed alfalfa, and the results of the crop are interesting and profitable. The cut shown on this page tells the story of the growth of the plant, but it does not tell the amount of hay that has been cut from the field. Mr. Wilcox makes several cuttings a year, and until fall has arrived he will not know how many tons

to the acre the alfalfa yields, but it will be enough to give him one of the most profitable crops in the Horse Shoe district.

All soils are not fitted for the culture of alfalfa, but the Deep river section has land on which it will thrive and in such an amount to the acre as to make it worth including in the farm scheme. How far it is wise for the farmer to turn his attention to alfalfa The Pilot does not presume to say, but it is apparent that Mr. Wilcox is having success with it so far, and unless something interrupts to change the prospects it is also evident that any farmer who has land he suspects would be good alfalfa territory would profit by dropping in on Mr. Wilcox and making some inquiry as to the procedure in raising this crop.

Alfalfa makes probably the best hay that can be raised in the state. It makes so much weight to the acre that it has an advent age in that respect, while the quality of the hay is such that alfalfa is a pronounced soil improver. It is a good feed for all kinds of live stock, giving them the protein content that is so necessary to thrifty and rapid growth. A liberal supply of alfalfa hay cuts down the need of grain ration, and yields a manure that is of higher than ordinary value in its yield of nitrogen for the crops where it is used.

The roads to the Horse Shoe section of the county are in excellent shape now, and a drive out that way from any direction is attractive. But with the interest that is always to be found in the Wilcox farm, with its house that was there in the revolutionary days, and its part taken in the war, for a battle was fought there and bullet holes are still to be seen in the wood work, a little journey up that way is more than usually interesting.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW AT SANDHILL FAIR

Charlie Picquet Will Have Big Tent for Fifty Cars

The Sandhill Fair will have a new feature this fall in the form of an automobile show, and already dealers enough have indicated their intention of exhibits so that it seems Mr. Picquet will have no difficulty in filling the schedule for this event. Some of the exhibitors say they will have a number of cars of different types and models, and altogether it looks like one of the biggest displays of cars ever got together in the central part of the state.

The tent that will house the show will be sixty by ninety feet in size, able to cover a large exhibit. It will be placed near the Agricultural building, and on the fine Bermuda grass turf will make an ideal exhibiting place.

The automobile industry is still climbing up in the industrial world, and with many prominent makes of cars reducing prices with the coming fall models that will be out in a short time much activity is to be found the last half of this year in this field, and Mr. Picquet feels confident that a big show of automobiles at the fair will be one of the most interesting of all the interesting features. In a small way the exhibit of automobiles has had a popularity for years at the Sandhill Fair, and with a real automobile show, with many of the most prominent cars on the floor he thinks the automobile tent will be crowded every day of the fair.

Properly fed pullets will more than pay for the care and extra feed by greater egg production next winter, say poultry extension workers.

"Farming is a business," says Secretary of Agriculture, W. M. Jardine. "It is a highly specialized and complicated business. Wasteful methods will result in loss, and perhaps failure, in farming as surely as in other business."

RAISING HOGS AT MARGIN OF PROFIT

Feeding the Principal Factor, But Others Important

The value of improved breeds of live stock in increasing economical or production is well recognized. Pure bred sires are accepted today by many breeders and feeders as an absolute necessity. Those states which have most universally followed improving the quality of their live stock. Better breeding stock will enable us to meet the great need of today which is not necessarily more hogs, but better hogs.

Pure bred sires should not be the final goal of hog men. Hogs multiply rapidly and with a single purebred sow to begin with even the commercial hog man can have the female portion of his herd purebreds in a few years.

According to a study inquiring into the cost of pork production carried on by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, several years ago, two thirds of the cost of raising hogs was the feed cost. During a period like the present when feed is high in price, the feed cost may represent even a higher per cent of the cost of raising hogs.

Since the feed cost is such an important item, here is a logical point of attack. Fortunately, we have thousands of experiments carried on by various experiment stations to which we can turn as a ready source of information. While some feeders consider these feeding tests impractical, most progressive farmers watch the experiments with interest. Results are studied and improved feeding methods followed wherever possible.

One of the most striking lessons illustrated time and gain in feeding tests as the economy of the balanced ration. The shortcomings of the straight grain ration in the muscle and bone building materials has been demonstrated, yet how many hogs are confined to just such a ration? Protein supplements like tankage, dairy by-products, fishmeal, oil meal, soy beans and even legume hays not only cause pigs to gain more economically but also more rapidly. Many feel that they cannot afford to feed these supplements while as a matter of fact, they cannot afford not to feed them. The higher the price of corn, the greater is the need for feeding it efficiently.

Practically as impressive as the showing for balanced rations is the demonstration of the value of forage and pasture crops. These crops not only reduce feeding costs, but they furnish exercise, aid in controlling disease, conserve the fertility of the soil, and make possible a revenue from unutilized land.

Numerous crops are available as (Continued on page 8)

SUIT REGARDED AS ANNUAL FIGHT

Timed As Usual Before Tobacco Season Begins in S. C. Belt.

The suit filed against employees of the Tobacco Association by J. A. Wade, a farmer of Halifax County, Virginia has created only mild interest among the members of the association, according to all accounts.

What has become an annual barrage of hostile and sensational publicity against the organized tobacco growers is timed as usual to precede the opening of the association's market in South Carolina. Members wearisomely recall the bungling attempt of three young men from South Boston to start an insurrection and collect "subscriptions" to "show up the association" which occurred at just this time last year.

According to the news from Dan- (Continued on page five)